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1. During June and July 1952 the following goods were shipped from Hong Kong to Macao:

Date	Description	Quantity	Remarks
1 June	Fluoroscope	1 unit	For military use after being equipped with a generator in Macao. Stored in the Li Sheng Company warehouse. Eventual destination Canton.
3 June	Machinery (27 cases)	3 sets	Contents of cases unknown. Stored in T'ai'ping Warehouse. Eventual destination Hankow.
9 June	Fuel or Diesel oil	80 tons	Stored in the Ilha Verde warehouse. Shipped on the motor launch YUNG LO.
15 June	Steel plates	200 pieces	
	Copper bricks	500 pieces	Stored in the Nan Kuang Company warehouse.
	Copper sheets	100 cases	Each case measured 2 feet by 6 feet and held 25 sheets. Stored in Nan Kuang Company warehouse.
18 June	Rubber tires <sup>2</sup>	860 pairs	Stored in Nan Kuang Company warehouse.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
21 June	Radio sets <sup>3</sup> (TOP CTT) (sic)	21 cases	Shipped on the FATSHAN and stored in the Nan Kuang Company warehouse.
21 June	Iron angle bars, square bars, and flat bars	70 tons	Shipped on the TA LAI and stored in the T'aip'ing Warehouse.
25 June	Foil	50 cases	Shipped on the TAKSHING.
25 June	Bleaching powder	125 drums	Shipped on the YUNG FA LI. Eventual destination Canton.
28 June	Aviation gasoline	50 tons	Eventual destination Amoy. <sup>4</sup>
2 July	Diesel lubricating oil <sup>5</sup> (sic)	200 tons	Shipped on the YUNG T'UNG HSING.
2 July	Kerosene <sup>5</sup>	30 tons	
3 July	Steel files Radio equipment <sup>5</sup>	60 bundles 2 boxes	Shipped on the TA LAI. Stored in the Nan Kuang Company warehouse.
3 July	Engine oil <sup>5</sup> Films <sup>5</sup>	60 barrels 6 boxes	Shipped on the FATSHAN and stored in Nan Kuang Company warehouse.
4 July	Caustic	250 barrels	Stored in the Nan Kuang Company warehouse.
6 July <sup>6</sup>	Tires	400 sets	Stored in the Nan Kuang Company warehouse.
7 July	Engine oil Engine oil (5-gallon tins) Tar (53-gallon drums) Tar (5-gallon tins) Pitch	87 barrels 159 tins 10 drums 45 tins 60 barrels	Shipped on the FATSHAN.
16 July	Iron bars <sup>7</sup> Crane <sup>7</sup> Iron cylinder <sup>7</sup> Round iron bars <sup>7</sup>	50 tons 1 set 95 rods 40 tons	Shipped on the TA LAI.
23 July	Films	49 boxes	Shipped on the FATSHAN.
25 July	Pitch Photographic paper	140 barrels 48 boxes	Shipped on the FATSHAN.
25 July	Steel bars	50 tons	Shipped on the TA LAI.
30 July <sup>6</sup>	Steel bars	50 tons	Shipped on the TA LAI and stored in the Nan Kuang Company warehouse.
30 July <sup>6</sup>	Pitch	200 barrels	Shipped on the FATSHAN and stored in the Nan Kuang Company warehouse.
30 July <sup>6</sup>	Tin plates in boxes	300 tons (approximate)	Shipped on the TA LAI.

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2. During June and July 1952 the following goods arrived in Macao from unstated shipment points:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
5 June	Vitamin powder (in 53-gallon drums)	25 drums	Stored in the T'ai-p'ing Warehouse.
	Vitamin powder (in 20-gallon drums)	100 drums	Stored in the T'ai-p'ing Warehouse. Eventual destination Canton.
9 June	Vaseline	700 drums	Stored in the Li Fa Warehouse.
4 July	Steel plates and steel bars <sup>8</sup>	400 tons	Discharged from a steamship flying the Panamanian flag to a Communist boat at sea near Chiuchou (113-36, 22-14). Stored in the Nan Kuang Company warehouse.
15 July	Empty shell cases, minerals, used engine	400 tons (approximate)	*Shipped on the FU SHAN (6858/1472). <sup>9</sup> Stored on the Wanshan Islands (113-42, 21-55).
25 July	Aluminum plates	500 boxes	Bought in Hong Kong; 48 plates, each 18 inches wide, 3 feet long, .03 feet thick. Stored in the Nan Kuang Company warehouse.

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3. On 8 June a complete lathe, shipped in six cases, arrived in Macao from Kwangtung (sic) and was stored in the T'ai-p'ing Warehouse. Its eventual destination was Hankow, via Canton.<sup>10</sup>

4. On 14 June 20 cases of silver arrived in Macao from Canton on the HSIN MING HSING. The silver was to be converted into foreign exchange in Hong Kong.<sup>11</sup>

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1. Between 26 June and 19 July 1952 the following goods shipped from Kowloon passed through the Lo Wu railroad station en route to Communist China:

Date	Time	Description	Quantity
26 June	12:15 p.m.	Bicycles	592 units
17 July	6:50 p.m.	Dyestuffs	30 small cases
		Metalwares	40 small cases
18 July	8:45 a.m.	Mica	40 large cases
		Pharmaceuticals	80 small cases
19 July	5:40 p.m.	Mica	60 large cases
		Metalwares	120 small cases

2. On 26 June and 23 July the following shipments were loaded on trucks to be transported from Hong Kong New Territories to Communist China via Man Kam To:

Date	Description	Quantity	Transportation Company
26 June	Mica	7 large cases	T'ien Hsing
23 July	Pharmaceuticals	20 small cases	Yung T'ung
	Indigo Blue powder	30 small cases	

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3. During the first week in July 1952 very few shipments were made from Hong Kong to Communist China, although no less than 20 wagons<sup>3</sup> of cargo entered Hong Kong from the mainland during that period. After the middle of July shipments in former amounts were resumed.

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4. The former HUANG HAI (7806/3189)<sup>4</sup>, a steamship formerly owned by the Nationalist Government and owned by the Min Sheng (3046/3923), has been renamed the MEI TA (5019/6691). The Chinese Communists have covertly leased the ship through the T'ai P'ing Yang (1132/1627/3152) Company<sup>5</sup> to the Chieh Ch'eng (2212/2052) Company<sup>6</sup>. The ship has a gross tonnage of 2,400 tons and a net tonnage of 1,900 tons, flies the Panamanian flag, and is worth US \$200,000. On 23 July 1952 the MEI TA was on her way from Hong Kong to Bangkok. A large majority of the ship's crew were not satisfied with their treatment and were ready for mutiny.

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